



MEETING NOTES

Intelligence Directorate/Intelligence Services Branch

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Participants: M. Patterson (Chair); K. Bryden, R. Drummond, K. Kennedy, C. Brown, R. Lucas, C. Kiez, G. Bouris, T. Quinn, C. Rheame, J. Brownriggs, R. Bernier

TOPIC	Intel Information for Convoy
DISCUSSION	M. Patterson: Minutes are taken to respond to possible questions from Executive Command. * This is “level-set” meeting is to ensure we are all on the same page. * This has escalated with community members, PSB emergency meeting at 1:00 today to talk about what will happen over the next three days. * OPP Intel information is that what they are seeing with the convoy, concern is that we are getting numbers thrown at us from different organizations as to other participants. Other than convoy from Kenora, no confirmed numbers of other participants. Info coming in that some participants will start arriving Thursday/Friday. * Operations plan (very fluid) has been submitted and REDA R is talking to organizers to get an understanding of where they will be coming in from (OPP jurisdictions) R. Lucas: From PLT perspective, dedicated full-time resources to police liaison teams and have integrated them with OPP. Their intent is to touch base not only with convoy captains (OPP info = up to 11 convoys), we will facilitate engagement between truckers and convoy captains when they arrive and then transition to OPS-led and for those regressing will transition back to OPP. Managing that from that perspective. * Two components to planning: (1) For the trucks (traffic chaos portion); problem with getting numbers as some are arriving early from closer distance. Vast majority of truckers are cooperative with police, have a code of ethics. Moose Jaw news release where routing was changed to ensure minimal impact on incident MJ PS were dealing with – so good signs dealing with truckers. Problem is rogue elements joining for part of the convoy then disappearing. When these trucks come here, need to find a places for them. Just for internal information (no public dissemination) we have tentative arrangements/options with NCC: SJAM Parkway is going to be shut down completely – one side to be used for two-way traffic for buses and emergency traffic only and other side for 10km parking lot. Looking at something similar for George Etienne Parkway. We are looking at where they are going to park downtown. (2) Contingency plans to see how to manage right-wing groups and antivaxxers jumping in. Meeting this AM with OPP and RCMP commanders, concern from RCMP identified on Quebec side that some people are scoping Herrington Lake and info also shared re: Rideau Hall, protectig Rideau Hall. Primary OPS responsibility is the City of Ottawa, but we will assist and facilitate where we can but will not be protecting buildings. * We have our ESU on standby (not part of deployment model). They will be staged and ready to go if needed on Saturday and Sunday. M. Patterson: Re: communication, are we putting anything out internally or externally and if so, whoever that comes from. R. Lucas: Internal and external communication facilitated by Corporate Comms through the Executive; City Council and Mayor briefings, pre-briefing to the Board. Once that is done, same messaging will be shared with membership and general population. We will take same message and share it through INTERSECT patners. R. Drummond: In report, talk about porta potties and fencing will be set up, do they have a location where that will be set up? R. Lucas: Lots of discussions. We are not looking to provide any of that. If they want those services, they have to make arrangements and get authority from city. Whether that gets approved or not, I don’t think it will. Antrim trucks have made it very clear they don’t want them nor does the Canadian Tire Centre unless they are paying parking (truckers aren’t willing to pay bill despite the \$4.5M they got). M. Patterson: In relation to intel, JIG being set up and we will be leading that. Who is part of JIG aside from RCMP, Parliament Protective Services, OPS, OPP. G. Bouris: Sûreté du Québec and Gatineau Police. M. Patterson: First JIG meeting today at 2:30. R. Lucas: Confirms that NCRCC will be started on Friday at 1:00 PM. Planning to run until 11:00 PM on first night, but will be fluid based on situation. When we look at what is happening in other jurisdictions and other protests, it’s going to be cold and PLT has been reaching out to local hotels to find out how long people are booked for.

Saturday, NCRCC opened as of 7:00 AM and run to 11:00 PM/1:00 AM and then scale back and have minimal presence dedicated on the street and then same times on Sunday.

M. Patterson: JIG – after information is given to JIG, who will it be disseminated to and who is contact person.

G. Bouris: SIS will be in charge of communication and I will be providing daily briefing and going up the chain of command – highlights of what was discussed, concerns, question marks that we still have so that incident managers can make decisions they need.

C. Brown: Further, SIS are going to have everything directed to SIS mailbox, with one analyst and one civilian (Ray Bazinet) to help organize and then ready for dissemination, working in conjunction with JIG.

R. Lucas: Usually at major events, we normally have JIG presence to ensure that info is provided live to all the commanders and they usually sit beside INTERSECT up in the NCRCC.

M. Patterson: Who will be participating in JIG at the NCRCC on Friday and Saturday?

C. Brown: Annie Bouchard from Protective Intelligence & RCMP is led on that busy getting names from different agencies of who will be providing a representative from JIG at NCRCC.

M. Patterson: Is meeting today at 2:30 first JIG or will you be talking about who will be participating?

G. Bouris: Today is first JIG and we will be setting ground rules and business roles and how communication will fall.

M. Patterson: For Command Centre, want to ensure enough resources to assist in event planning. Steph Quesnel looking at COT side and getting resources there, is there anything needed from our side?

R. Lucas: No, most of it has been addressed. One thing that is important to know is we are going to have a Critical Incident Commander on the ground. So if we have something such as a bomb, we can sequester that. NCRCC will still manage overall operations for the protest. Command Centre still responsible for all city operations and we will be feeding that directly from NCRCC into Area Command (NCRCC Area Command). There will be a lot of transition pieces so NCRCC is important when we migrate from OPP, Quebec into Ottawa and back again. If multiple jurisdictions, we have that feed and centralized command at NCRCC. But Command Centre still maintains overall command of the city and if there is need to adjust staffing to assist them or vice versa, we will coordinate that with them.

K. Bryden: Who will be at Command Centre over the weekend?

R. Bernier: Dedicated Constable/Sergeant team that are going to focus on being liaison for the event and then constable/sergeant team focusing on overall operations in the city. Inspectors are Frank D'Aaoust for daytime and Jamie Harper at nighttime. Who will be Incident Commander on the ground?

R. Lucas: In a flux now, a name was put forward but they will change it around to get more experienced people on the ground. Still needs to be clarified. R. Lucas at NCRCC during the day, and Debbie Palmer scheduled for the part of the day. Isabelle Lemieux will be shadowing me, but may end up transitioning her to evening for NCRCC and moving D. Palmer to on the ground if needed.

R. Bernier: For clarity, NCRCC is in command of the event and the Command Centre is there strictly to support with those two elements mentioned, will be very good communication between the event and operations by having the two teams working supporting the Inspector. This is all relatively new to Command Centre and inspectors are pulled in many directions, hoping for Inspector to be in Command Centre to have a good line of sight on everything.

M. Patterson: For clarification, Executive Command is fully of command control, R. Bernier just talked about because question may come from Chief as to has control of us and NCRCC and support role of Command Centre played.

R. Bernier: I think Russell should have it represented in the operational plan. It should be very clear that Command Centre has operational command of regular police operations in the city; we will consider the actual demo as a tactical event which will fall under the NCRCC with Russell's group with its own Incident Commander and making its own decisions. Because of impacts on citywide resources or actual calls for service, command centre will be set up with team with a line of sight on the event and a contact person with the Incident Command of the event that the operational commander (Frank and Jamie) are able to support and align accordingly with the event.

R. Lucas: DC Ferguson was briefed on that. Well represented in operational plan.

M. Patterson: SIS component feeding into event planning. On earlier call, intel info trickling in, there was talk of some players who might be involved in this convoy, i.e. REDACTED etc, SIS team is gathering intel info because those seem to be more activists?

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M. Patterson: Is there a contingency plan put in operational plan to mitigate aspects of truckers bringing in trailers that are unvinced and strategically placed in the city to cause disruption?

R. Lucas: A lot of the proactive engagement is done through PLT. The truckers who are officially part of the convoy (who will get funding from GoFundMe page) had to sign codes of conduct (not public knowledge) which will mitigate some of those issues. Out of the group of trucks who left Kenora this AM (101 or 103) only five trailers, the rest just the front end and they are outnumbered 3 to 1 for private motor VEs. We have heavy trucks available to do tows if needed, but we will try to mitigate proactive engagement through PLT as soon as issues are identified and engage with those members.

M. Patterson: There have been questions from Executive Command about misinformation, information being provided i.e. that threats are being posed/proposed through social media and then we are providing a document saying something different. Just to ensure everyone is on same page.

Ken Bryden: SIS sending broadcast out re **REDACT** and calls to PRU last night – how long are we maintaining posture with police vehicles at stations?

R. Bernier: Decision to come from Operations Commander, M.A. Sheehy who is not on this call.

J. Brownrigg: M.A. Sheehy at other meeting, sends his regrets and here on his behalf. Marc-André was looking for input from both Intel and Central Investigations prior to lifting that; wasn't not sure, so kept everything in place. We currently have people guarding each station which brings up another point he was asking about: Is there a plan to continue that throughout duration of convoy?

M. Patterson: Heightened awareness last night which is why posture was put in place. Are we able to mitigate that? What is Intel info on that?

G. Bouris: Info was a quick RCMP bulletin sent out last night; they were unaware of his current location. Still lots of questions marks which will be talked about at JIG meeting this afternoon in relation to that info, is there new info. In relation to call that came in last night, assumption that it's same individual, looking at social media and voice sounding the same, but no concrete info saying it's same person.

M. Patterson: Who is to answer question regarding keeping the security posture or not?

G. Bouris: Central investigations to look into if same person or not, but I can reach out to the RCMP who will be on the call to see if they have a location of that individual.

R. Bernier: Some digging done at Command Centre early this AM, similar MO, social chatter found from this guy and the recordings were at Command Centre, they did a comparison that was pushed down to Central Investigations. Had closed the file, but reopened it in light of that info. More of an investigations update required at this point.

M. Patterson: Will speak to K. Bryden afterwards, but we have to make sure we liaise with Criminal Investigations, for us to provide a threat of risk level to Criminal Investigations saying there is nothing to substantiate it is **REDACT** (one off or swatting) and to make a decision as to whether we continue with security posture. Created heightened awareness for our members in asking for this and there has been no communication. Maybe K. Bryden or C. Brown to task reaching out to Criminal Investigations and say, given intel info, what is there from Criminal Investigations and recommendations to be provided to Command Centre (R. Bernier or whoever) to ensure we are providing the best information as to whether we continue with security posture. Who will be tasked?

K. Bryden: Suggests waiting for JIG meeting at 2:30 and confirm that RCMP has nothing more to add and have SIS connect with Criminal Investigations and have a conversation based on what we get at 2:30. If there is nothing, no need for posture if no ongoing threats, call for service or public complaint.

C. Brown: George will reach out to GAS.

M. Patterson: JIG meeting this afternoon to discuss intel information if any suggesting **REDACT** or other acitvists targeting police – security posture will be kept until we get confirmation, SIS to speak with Central Investigations and see if there is anything else from assessment point of view to continue on or to close security posture.

J. Brownrigg: Will forward that to M.A. Sheehy and night Commander tonight is Brian Samuel to ensure handover happens in the office.

M. Patterson: Is there a reason for us to muster up the same kind of command team and questions and answers continuing on until Saturday?

R. Drummond: I think it's a good idea.

M. Patterson: Will schedule meeting Thursday afternoon.

C. Kiez: In these situations, a lot of times information coming in needs to be followed up and there is always wasted time in trying to find is it GAS, etc. If it's possible to streamline over the next few days ... *(comments not captured)* - will send something in to Cathy and George ...

	M. Patterson: If information could be given for the notes – but understanding that if more follow-up needed from investigations that we have somebody that can be “dedicated” to provide assistance. C. Brown: Will speak with Chris and George and will reach out when we discuss matter with GAS and facilitate if there is a go-to person to do necessary investigative follow-up. R. Lucas: Appreciates questions asked about planning process, sometimes taken for granted, important that nothing is missed. If anyone has concerns or things they think need to be addressed, contingency plan, whatever, important to address so we can incorporate everything. M. Patterson: Tomorrow and Friday’s meetings are to ensure everyone is on same page and provide insight and accurate information. R. Drummond: Will ask Paula to help book a meeting. Time to be set up for tomorrow and Friday’s meetings.